

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: The Past, Present, and Future of Grain Elevators in Delaware County, Indiana: A Study of the History, Present Conditions and Potential Rehabilitation Uses of Country Grain Elevators

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Grain elevators have played an important role in the culture of American society since their invention. Through a study of the overall history of grain elevators, and more specifically the history of elevators in Delaware County, the significance of the structures was established. An inventory of grain elevators in Delaware County showed that grain elevators are quickly disappearing from the landscape. Through an analysis and evaluation of ten case studies in grain elevator rehabilitation, it was determined that rehabilitation would be an option for many of the remaining, vacant elevators in the county. Overall the goal of this project is to provide information necessary to understand the historic importance of grain elevators in general, and to begin considering alternative and specific uses for grain elevators in Delaware County.